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____1	312,408	02/17/1885	Wackerhagen
____2	597,165	01/11/1898	Hall
____3	659,422	10/09/1900	Shidler
____4	989,231	04/11/1911	Davis
____5	2,127,903	08/23/1938	Bowen
____6	2,397,823	04/02/1946	Walter
____7	2,588,589	03/11/1952	Tauber
____8	2,646,045	07/21/1953	Priestley
____9	2,692,599	10/26/1954	Creelman
____10	2,959,172	11/08/1960	Held
____11	3,033,156	05/18/1962	Verlish
____12	3,104,666	09/24/1963	Hale et al.
____13	3,470,875	10/07/1969	Johnson

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____14	3,653,388	04/04/1972	Tenckhoff
____15	3,665,926	5/30/1972	Flores
____16	3,776,237	12/04/1973	Hill et al.
____17	3,820,544	06/28/1974	Semm
____18	3,918,455	11/11/1975	Coplan
____19	3,926,194	12/16/1975	Greenberg et al.
____20	3,939,820	02/24/1976	Grayzel
____21	4,018,228	04/19/1977	Goosen
____22	4,109,658	08/29/1978	Hughes
____23	4,135,623	01/23/1979	Thyen
____24	4,161,951	07/24/1979	Scanlan, Jr.
____25	4,168,073	09/18/1979	LaRue
____26	4,182,339	01/08/1980	Hardy, Jr.
____27	4,185,636	01/29/1980	Gabbay et, al.
____28	4,216,776	08/12/1980	Downie et al.

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____29	4,217,665	08/19/1980	Bex et, al.
____30	4,235,177	11/25/1980	Arbuckle
____31	4,317,445	03/20/1982	Robinson
____32	4,411,654	10/25/1983	Boarini et al.
____33	4,412,832	11/01/1983	Kling et al.
____34	4,437,465	03/20/1984	Nomoto et al.
____35	4,492,229	01/08/1985	Grunwald
____36	4,493,323	01/15/1985	Albright et al.
____37	4,553,543	11/19/1985	Amarasinghe
____38	4,586,614	05/06/1986	Ger
____39	4,587,969	05/13/1986	Gillis
____40	4,596,559	06/24/1986	Fleishhacker
____41	4,629,450	12/16/1986	Suzuki et al.
____42	4,651,733	03/24/1987	Mobin-Uddin
____43	4,702,250	10/27/1987	Ovil et al.

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____44	4,723,549	02/09/1988	Wholey et al.
____45	4,738,666	04/19/1988	Fuqua
____46	4,744,364	05/17/1988	Kensey
____47	4,803,984	02/14/1989	Narayanan et al.
____48	4,836,205	06/06/1989	Barrett
____49	4,852,568	08/01/1989	Kensey
____50	4,890,612	01/02/1990	Kensey
____51	4,898,155	02/06/1990	Ovil et al.
____52	4,911,164	03/27/1990	Roth
____53	4,926,860	05/22/1990	Stice et al.
____54	4,929,246	05/29/1990	Sinofsky
____55	4,935,027	06/19/1990	Yo on
____56	4,957,498	09/18/1990	Caspari et al.
____57	4,983,168	01/08/1991	Moorehead
____58	4,984,581	01/15/1991	Stice

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____59	5,002,563	03/26/1991	Pyka et al.
____60	5,009,643	04/23/1991	Reich et al.
____61	5,021,059	06/04/1991	Kensey et al.
____62	5,037,433	08/06/1991	Wilk et al.
____63	5,047,039	09/10/1991	Avant et al.
____64	5,059,201	10/22/1991	Asnis
____65	5,061,274	10/29/1991	Kensey
____66	5,078,721	01/07/1992	McKeating
____67	5,080,664	01/14/1992	Jain
____68	5,100,419	03/31/1992	Ehlers
____69	5,100,432	03/31/1992	Matsutani
____70	5,109,780	05/05/1992	Slouf et al.
____71	5,129,913	07/14/1992	Ruppert
____72	5,147,373	09/15/1992	Ferzli
____73	5,160,339	11/03/1992	Chen et al.

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____74	5,171,251	12/15/1992	Bregen et al.
____75	5,192,294	03/09/1993	Blake, III
____76	5,192,301	03/09/1993	Kamiya, et al.
____77	5,192,302	03/09/1993	Kensey et al.
____78	5,207,703	05/04/1993	Jain
____79	5,217,470	06/08/1993	Weston
____80	5,219,358	06/15/1993	Bendel et al.
____81	5,222,974	06/29/1993	Kensey et al.
____82	5,234,443	08/10/1993	Phan et al.
____83	5,242,427	09/07/1993	Bilweis
____84	5,250,033	10/05/1993	Evansetal
____85	5,250,053	10/05/1993	Snyder
____86	5,254,126	10/19/1993	Filipi et al.
____87	5,258,003	11/02/1993	Ciaglia et al.
____88	5,279,311	01/18/1994	Snyder

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____89	5,281,236	01/25/1994	Bognato et al.
____90	5,281,237	01/25/1994	Gimpelson
____91	5,285,945	02/15/1994	Brinkerhoff et al.
____92	5,289,963	03/01/1994	McGarry et al.
____93	5,290,284	03/01/1994	Adair
____94	5,290,297	03/01/1994	Phillips
____95	5,292,309	03/08/1994	VanTassel et al.
____96	5,292,332	03/08/1994	Lee
____97	5,293,881	03/15/1994	Green et al.
____98	5,295,993	03/22/1994	Green
____99	5,300,085	04/05/1994	Yock
____100	5,304,185	04/19/1994	Taylor
____101	5,306,254	04/26/1994	Nash et al.
____102	5,312,024	05/14/1994	Grant et al.
____103	5,320,632	06/14/1994	Heidmueller

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____104	5,336,229	08/09/1994	Noda
____105	5,336,230	08/09/1994	Leichtling et al.
____106	5,336,231	08/09/1994	Adair
____107	5,342,369	08/30/1994	Harryman, II
____108	5,353,974	10/11/1994	Brinkerhoff et al.
____109	5,354,312	10/11/1994	Brinkerhoff et al.
____110	5,364,408	11/15/1994	Gordon
____111	5,368,595	11/29/1994	Lewis
____112	5,368,601	11/29/1994	Sauer et al.
____113	5,374,275	12/20/1994	Bradley et al.
____114	5,376,096	12/27/1994	Foster
____115	5,383,896	01/24/1995	Gershony et al.
____116	5,385569	01/31/1995	Swor
____117	5,387,221	02/07/1995	Bisgaard
____118	5,387,227	02/07/1995	Grice

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____119	5,395,332	03/07/1995	Ressemann et al.
____120	5,395,349	03/07/1995	Quiachon et al.
____121	5,397,310	03/14/1995	Chu et al.
____122	5,397,325	03/14/1995	Delia Badia et al.
____123	5,403,329	04/04/1995	Hinchcliffe
____124	5,403,338	04/04/1995	Milo
____125	5,411,481	05/02/1995	Allen et al.
____126	5,413,571	05/09/1995	Katsaros et al.
____127	5,417,699	05/23/1995	Klein et al.
____128	5,425,705	06/20/1995	Evard et al.
____129	5,431,666	07/11/1995	Sauer et al.
____130	5,433,700	007/18/1995	Peters
____131	5,452,733	09/26/1995	Sterman et al.
____132	5,454,822	10/03/1995	Schob et al.
____133	5,454,834	10/03/1995	Boebel et al.

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____134	5,458,574	10/17/1995	Machold et al.
____135	5,470,338	11/28/1995	Whitfield et al.
____136	5,476,469	12/19/1995	Hathaway et al.
____137	5,476,470	12/19/1995	Fitzgibbons, Jr.
____138	5,478,309	12/26/1995	Sweezer et al.
____139	5,478,353	12/26/1995	Yoon
____140	5,480,407	01/02/1996	Wan et al.
____141	5,486,190	01/23/1996	Green
____142	5,489,295	02/06/1996	Piplani et al.
____143	5,496,332	03/05/1996	Sierra et al.
____144	5,507,744	04/16/1996	Tay et al.
____145	5,507,755	04/16/1996	Gresl et al.
____146	5,507,757	04/16/1996	Sauer et al.
____147	5,507,758	04/16/1996	Thomason et al.
____148	5,509,902	04/23/1996	Raulerson

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____149	5,520,655	05/28/1996	Davila et al.
____150	5,520,665	05/28/1996	Fleetwood
____151	5,520,702	05/28/1996	Sauer et al.
____152	5,527,321	06/18/1996	Hinchliffe
____153	5,527,322	06/18/1996	Klein et al.
____154	5,531,700	07/02/1996	Moore et al.
____155	5,540,701	07/30/1996	Sharkey et al.
____156	5,540,704	07/30/1996	Gordon et al.
____157	5,545,171	08/13/1996	Sharkey et al.
____158	5,545,178	08/13/1996	Kensey et al.
____159	5,545,180	08/13/1996	Le et al.
____160	5,549,618	08/27/1996	Fleenor et al.
____161	5,554,162	09/10/1996	DeLange
____162	5,562,686	10/08/1996	Sauer et al.
____163	5,562,688	10/08/1996	Riza

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____164	5,562,728	10/08/1996	Lazarus et al.
____165	5,567,435	10/22/1996	Hubbell et al.
____166	5,569,269	10/29/1996	Hart et al.
____167	5,569,271	10/29/1996	Hoel
____168	5,573,540	11/12/1996	Yoon
____169	5,591,179	01/07/1997	Edelstein
____170	5,591,206	01/07/1997	Moufarrege
____171	5,593,421	01/14/1997	Bauer
____172	5,603,718	02/18/1997	Xu
____173	5,607,435	03/04/1997	Sachdeva et al.
____174	5,611,794	03/18/1997	Sauer et al.
____175	5,613,974	03/25/1997	Andreas et al.
____176	5,613,975	03/25/1997	Christy
____177	5,643,289	07/01/1997	Sauer et al.
____178	5,669,917	09/23/1997	Sauer et al.

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____179	5,700,273	12/23/1997	Buelna et al.
____180	5,713,910	02/03/1998	Gordon et al.
____181	5,716,369	02/10/1998	Riza
____182	5,720,574	02/24/1998	Barella
____183	5,720,757	02/24/1998	Hathaway et al.
____184	5,728,151	03/17/1998	Garrison et al.
____185	5,741,276	04/21/1998	Poloyko et al.
____186	5,741,280	04/21/1998	Fleenor
____187	5,759,188	06/02/1998	Yoon
____188	5,766,183	06/16/1998	Sauer
____189	5,766,186	06/16/1998	Faraz et al.
____190	5,779,719	07/14/1998	Klein et al.
____191	5,792,151	08/11/1998	Heck et al.
____192	5,792,152	08/11/1998	Klein et al.
____193	5,799,661	09/01/1998	Boyd et al.

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____194	5,810,850	09/22/1998	Hathaway et al.
____195	5,817,113	10/06/1998	Gifford, III et al.
____196	5,820,544	(06/1974-withdrawn)	Semm
____197	5,820,631	10/13/1998	Nobles
____198	5,824,010	10/20/1998	McDonald
____199	5,824,111	10/20/1998	Schall et al.
____200	5,830,125	11/03/1998	Scribner et al.
____201	5,836,955	11/17/1998	Buelna et al.
____202	5,836,956	11/17/1998	Buelna et al.
____203	5,846,253	12/08/1998	Buelna et al.
____204	5,848,714	12/15/1998	Robson et al.
____205	5,855,585	01/05/1999	Kontos
____206	5,860,990	01/19/1999	Nobles et al.
____207	5,860,991	01/19/1999	Klein et al.
____208	5,902,311	05/11/1999	Andreas et al.

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____209	5,904,690	05/18/1999	Middleman et al.
____210	5,904,597	05/18/1999	Doi et al.
____211	5,904,697	05/18/1999	Gifford, III et al.
____212	5,951,590	09/14/1999	Goldfarb
____213	5,954,732	09/21/1999	Hart et al.
____214	5,972,030	10/26/1999	Garrison et al.
____215	6,036,699	03/14/2000	Andreas et al.
____216	6,048,351	04/11/2000	Gordon et al.
____217	6,117,144	09/12/2000	Nobles et al.
____218	6,136,010	10/24/2000	Modesitt et al
____219	6,190,396	09/20/2001	Whitin et al.
____220	6,206,893	03/27/2001	Klein et al.
____221	6,355,050	03/12/2002	Andreas et al.
____222	6,358,258	03/19/2002	Arcia et al.
____223	6,517,553	02/11/2003	Klein et al.

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_____224	6,558,399	05/06/2003	Isbell et al.
_____225	7,029,480	04/18/2006	Klein et al.
_____226	7,029,481	04/18/2006	Burdulis, Jr. et al.
_____227	7,048,747	05/23/2006	Arcia et al.
_____228	7,179,266	02/20/2007	Kontos
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